

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2 and ending on page 3, line 12 of Applicant's original disclosure with the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 1 illustrates a motorcycle 10 having a frame 15, and an engine and transmission assembly 20 mounted to the frame 15. A steering assembly 25 pivotally mounted to the frame 15, and a front wheel 30 rotatably mounted to the steering assembly 25 support the front of the motorcycle 10. A rear wheel 35 is rotatably interconnected with the frame 15 and supports the rear of the motorcycle 10. The rear wheel 35 is driven by operation of the engine and transmission assembly 20. A rear fender 40 is positioned between two fender supports 45 (only one shown in Fig. 1) that support the rear fender 40 above the rear wheel 35. The motorcycle 10 also includes a seat 50 upon which a motorcycle operator may sit while operating the motorcycle 10. A pair of saddlebags 55 are removably attached to the rear of the motorcycle 10, as will be described below in more detail. As would be understood by one of skill in the art, each of the saddlebags 55 includes a lower end 56, an upper end 57 opposite the lower end 56 and defining an upward direction, and a cover 58 located at the upper end 57. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23 and ending on page 4, line 9 of Applicant's original disclosure with the following paragraph:

--Turning to Figs. 3 and 4, a saddlebag mounting system 65 is illustrated in a partially exploded state. The saddlebag mounting system 65 includes the saddlebag 55, a saddlebag frame 70, and a saddlebag mount 75. The saddlebag mount 75 connects to the fender support 45 and can remain connected to the fender support 45 whether or not the saddlebag 55 is attached to the motorcycle 10. The saddlebag mount 75 includes an elongated bar 80 that defines a top surface 85 and first and second apertures 90, 95. Of course other constructions may use more or less apertures or may space the apertures differently, while still functioning as desired. Each aperture 90, 95 receives a mounting member 105 (Fig. 6), which attaches the bar 80 to the fender support 45. In most constructions, the mounting members 105 are bolts that extend along a first mounting axis A-A and a second mounting axis B-B to engage the fender support 45. Other constructions may employ other fastening means (e.g., screws, rivets, pins, welding, soldering, brazing, and the like). As best seen in Fig. 4, the bar 80 further defines a cavity 96 having an opening 97. The opening 97 faces away from the saddlebag 55 and toward the fender support 45 when the bar 80 couples to the fender support 45.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 and ending on page 5, line 22 of Applicant's original disclosure with the following paragraph:

--As illustrated in Fig. 5, the saddlebag frame 70 includes a plate member 135, a hook 140, a first attachment pin 145, and a second attachment pin 150. Several rivets 155 pass through the plate 135 and fixedly attach the plate 135 to a rigid back panel of the saddlebag 55. In other constructions, other attachment means are used (e.g., bolts, screws, adhesive, welding, stitching, and the like). The hook 140 is in a position higher than or above positions of the first attachment pin 145 and the second attachment pin 150. The hook 140 is integrally formed as part of the plate 135 and includes a first surface 160 that is substantially perpendicular to the plate 135 and a second surface 165 that is substantially parallel to the plate 135. The second surface 165 is sized and positioned to at least partially engage the slot 107 when the saddlebag 55 is attached to the motorcycle 10. As such, the hook 140 is configured to match the location of the slot 107. Other constructions may not include a slot 107. Rather, the hook 140 could extend beyond the bar 80 and engages the opposite side of the bar 80. In other constructions, two or more hook members are spaced apart from one another and cooperate to define the hook 140 that engage one or more slots 107.--